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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/775,799	Applicant(s) GURVICH ET AL.	
	Examiner Khanh V. Nguyen	Art Unit 2817	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7, 10-13 and 16-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Specification***

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is not clear which "the delay" is intended in line 2. Should "the delay" claimed be --the first delay--?

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 16, 21, 22, 28-31, 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakayama et al. (6,456,160).

Regarding claims 1, 13, 16, 28, 29, 33, Nakayama et al. (Fig. 6) disclose a feedforward amplifier comprising: an input (1); a main amplifier (4); output sampling coupler/a carrier cancellation combiner (6); a first delay (5); an error amplifier (12); a second delay (9); an error coupler combining (10); an output sampling coupler (14); a path including delay (24), gain and phase (61) can be read as a carrier signal reduction; and blocks (51-60) can be read as a spurious signal detector including a frequency converter (53) and a local oscillator (51); wherein the components of the reference circuit having the connections and functions thereof.

Regarding claim 2, Nakayama et al. disclose controllers (56/60).

Regarding claim 4, Nakayama et al. disclose a gain and phase adjuster (11) controls by controller (56).

Regarding claim 5, Nakayama et al. disclose a gain and phase adjuster (3) controls by controller (20).

Regarding claim 7, wherein a splitter (25) can be read an input sampling coupler and a combiner (51) can be read as a second carrier cancellation combiner having the connections and functions thereof.

Regarding claims 21, 22, Nakayama et al. disclose delay (24), gain and phase adjuster (61), wherein gain and phase adjuster controls by controller (60).

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Regarding claims 30, 31, 34, 35, wherein the feedforward amplifier of Nakayama et al. comprises controller for controlling the gain and phase adjuster thereby minimizes the detected distortion.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 3, 10-12, 17-20, 23-27, 32, 36-39, 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakayama et al.

Regarding claims 3, 17-20, 36-39, Nakayama et al. disclose the claimed invention except the second delay is less than the first delay or the delay characteristics in claims 17-20. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have change the size of the second delay (9) to obtain such

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as desired characteristic, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

Regarding claims 10-12, 23-27, 32, wherein the characteristics in the recited claims can be obtained by changing the size of that particular component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

Regarding claim 40, the frequency characteristic of the input signal is considered an intended use of the invention in the absence of any unexpected results, wherein Nakayama et al. input signal is capable of operating within the claimed bandwidth.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 6, 8, 9, 14, 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 6 calls for, among other, a predistorter having the function and connection thereof.

Claims 8, 9 call for, among others, an output delay.

Claims 14, 15 call for, among others, a DSP.

#### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The additional references (Myer (6,094,096); Horiguchi et al. (6,133,791); Gomez (6,275,106); Mucenieks (6,359,508)) show further analogous prior art circuitry including feedforward amplifier.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1767. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

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